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To designate the James Peak Wilderness in the Arapaho National Forest
in the State of Colorado, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado introduced the following bill; which was referred to
the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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National Forest in the State of Colorado, and for other
purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “James Peak Wilder-
5 ness Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF JAMES PEAK WILDERNESS, COLO-**
7 **RADO.**

8 (a) INCLUSION WITH OTHER COLORADO WILDER-
9 NESS AREAS.—Section 2(a) of the Colorado Wilderness
10 Act of 1993 (Public Law 103–77; 107 Stat. 756) is

1 amended by adding at the end the following new para-
2 graph:

3 “(20) Certain lands in the Arapaho National
4 Forest which comprise approximately 22,000 acres,
5 as generally depicted on a map entitled ‘Proposed
6 James Peak Wilderness’, dated June 1999 and
7 which shall be known as the James Peak Wilder-
8 ness.”.

9 (b) MAP AND BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS.—As soon
10 as practicable after the date of enactment of this Act, the
11 Secretary of Agriculture shall file with the Committee on
12 Resources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
13 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
14 a map and a boundary description of the James Peak Wil-
15 derness. The map and boundary description shall have the
16 same force and effect as if included in the Colorado Wil-
17 derness Act of 1993, except that the Secretary may cor-
18 rect clerical and typographical errors in the map and
19 boundary descriptions. The map and boundary description
20 shall be on file and available for public inspection in the
21 Office of the Chief of the Forest Service, Department of
22 Agriculture.

23 **SEC. 3. INHOLDINGS IN JAMES PEAK WILDERNESS.**

24 (a) STATE LAND BOARD LANDS.—If the Colorado
25 State Land Board informs the Secretary of Agriculture

1 that the Board is willing to transfer to the United States
2 some or all of the lands owned by the Board located within
3 the James Peak Wilderness in the Arapaho National For-
4 est, Colorado, the Secretary shall promptly seek to reach
5 agreement with the Board regarding terms and conditions
6 for acquisition of the lands by the United States by pur-
7 chase or exchange.

8 (b) JIM CREEK INHOLDING.—The Secretary of Agri-
9 culture shall enter into negotiations with the owner of
10 lands located within the portion of the Jim Creek drainage
11 within the James Peak Wilderness for the purpose of ac-
12 quiring the lands by purchase or exchange.

13 (c) REPORT.—Upon conclusion of an agreement for
14 acquisition by the United States of lands referred to in
15 subsection (a) or (b), or one year after the date of enact-
16 ment of this Act, whichever occurs first, the Secretary of
17 Agriculture shall submit to the Committee on Resources
18 of the House of Representatives and the Committee on
19 Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate a report con-
20 cerning any such agreement or the status of negotiations
21 pursuant to such subsections. The report shall indicate to
22 what extent funds are available to the Secretary as of the
23 date of the report for the acquisition of the lands and
24 whether additional funds need to be appropriated or other-
25 wise made available to the Secretary for such purpose.

1 **SEC. 4. ALICE TOWNSHIP AND ST. MARY'S GLACIER, COLO-**
2 **RADO.**

3 (a) SERVICES AND FACILITIES.—Following the con-
4 sultation required by subsection (c), the Forest Supervisor
5 of the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the
6 State of Colorado (in this section referred to as the “For-
7 est Supervisor”) shall establish a trailhead and cor-
8 responding facilities and services to regulate use of Na-
9 tional Forest System lands adjacent to Alice Township
10 and St. Mary’s Glacier in the State of Colorado. The facili-
11 ties and services shall include, but are not limited to, the
12 following:

- 13 (1) Trailhead parking.
14 (2) Public restroom accommodations.
15 (3) Trailhead and trail maintenance.

16 (b) PERSONNEL.—The Forest Supervisor shall assign
17 Forest Service personnel to provide appropriate manage-
18 ment and oversight of the area described in subsection (a).

19 (c) CONSULTATION.—The Forest Supervisor shall
20 consult with the Clear Creek County Commissioners and
21 residents in the immediate vicinity of Alice Township and
22 St. Mary’s Glacier regarding the appropriate location of
23 facilities and services in the area described in subsection
24 (a). This consultation should include any other appro-
25 priate measures that may be needed in this area to provide
26 access by emergency or law enforcement vehicles or that

1 is necessary for public health or that impede access by
2 local residents.

3 (d) REPORT.—After the consultation required by sub-
4 section (b), the Forest Supervisor shall submit to the
5 Committee on Resources and the Committee on Appro-
6 priations of the House of Representatives and the Com-
7 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources and the Com-
8 mittee on Appropriations of the Senate a report regarding
9 the amount of any additional funding required to imple-
10 ment appropriate measures to provide the facilities and
11 services specified in subsections (a), (b), and (c).

12 **SEC. 5. POTENTIAL WILDERNESS LANDS.**

13 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “potential
14 wilderness lands” means lands that are identified as “po-
15 tential wilderness” on the map referred to in paragraph
16 (20) of section 2(a) of the Colorado Wilderness Act of
17 1993, as added by section 2(a) of this Act, designating
18 the James Peak Wilderness in the Arapaho National For-
19 est, Colorado.

20 (b) MANAGEMENT.—Potential wilderness lands shall
21 be managed as components of the National Wilderness
22 Preservation System upon publication in the Federal Reg-
23 ister of a notice by the Secretary of Agriculture that all
24 structures on the lands have been removed and all uses

1 of the lands inconsistent with the Wilderness Act (16
2 U.S.C. 1131 et seq.) have ceased.

3 (c) REMOVAL OF RADIO TOWER.—As soon as prac-
4 ticable after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
5 retary of Agriculture shall remove the abandoned radio
6 tower and associated structures located on Mount Eva on
7 the potential wilderness lands.

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